Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of catechism ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the Church in their Baptisms. Today these young people affirm their baptisms with a public profession of their faith.

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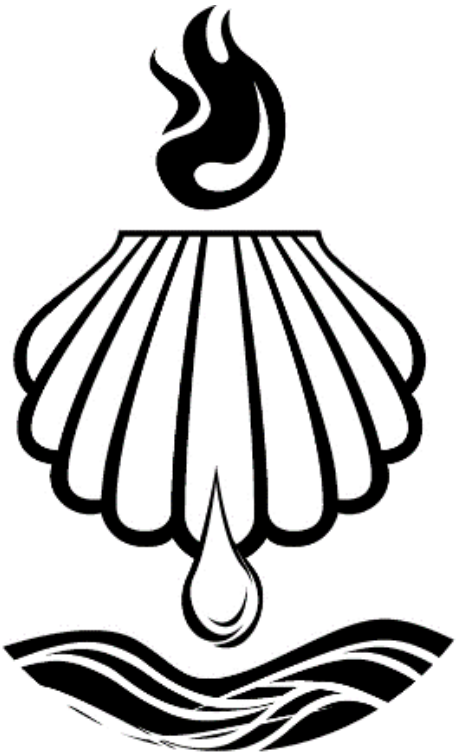


Affirmation of Baptism

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

Verse 2 – Men and Low Voices only; Verse 4 – Women and High Voices only
All Refrains - ALL

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER *APRIL 19, 2026*

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the congregation

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE **"FANFARE"**
– JACQUES-NICOLAS LEMMENS

BELL &

OPENING HYMN** ***"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Rejoicing in the resurrection news, Let us confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
we confess that we are held captive to doubt and fear, dismissing the resurrection news. We place trust in ourselves and fail to love our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!
This is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent Jesus Christ to die for us. In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others proclaiming the glorious news of Christ's resurrection.
Amen.

*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 5:12-13* — *"This is the Feast"*

M = Men and lower voices *W = Women and Children*

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. W: Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: M: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
All: This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. All: For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
All: This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Welcome & Announcements

The Church Listens

First Reading — Acts 2:14, 36–41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 – *read responsively*

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he listened to me, I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death surrounded me; the sorrow of the grave came upon me; I was overcome by trouble and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD:

"O LORD, save me!"

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

I will keep my promises to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

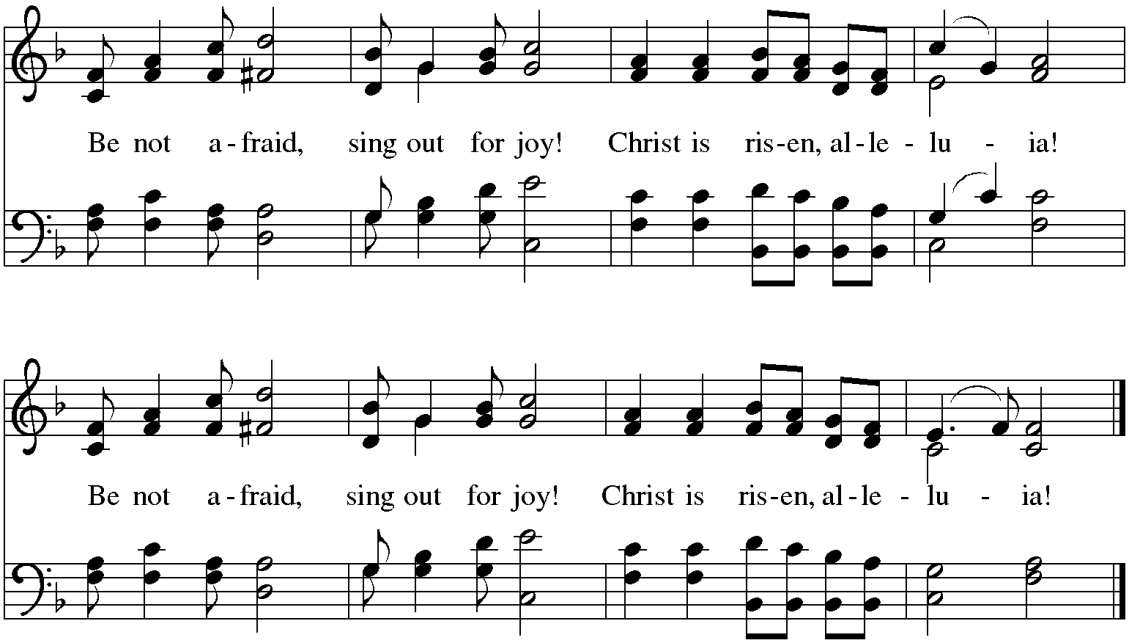
I will keep my promises to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD. Praise the LORD

SECOND READING — 1 Peter 1:17–23

17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time
as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things
such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to
you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or
defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last
times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and
glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.
22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love
for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not
of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *sung two times*



*Gospel Reading — Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

13 Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were
going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each
other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing,
Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing
him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"
They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him,
"Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place
there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus
of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,
20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and
crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all
this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our
group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find
his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who
said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just
as the women had said; but they did not see him." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish
you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not
necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then
beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in
all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were
going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening
and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table
with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were
opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was
opening the scriptures to us?" 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and
they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, "The
Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened
on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

(Please sing Verse 3 in Unison)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(P =Presiding Minister *R =Confirmand Response* **C =Congregation)**

Presentation

The mentors and confirmands gather at the front.

P: Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for Ellison, Kayla, Andilyn, Emerlyn & Jalen, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

The congregational mentor presents each confirmand:

I present *Ellison Marie Benecke, Kayla Joan Benecke, Andilyn Marie Pinter, Emerlyn Alyse Pinter, Jalen Lee Thompson,* who desires to affirm his/her baptism.

Profession of Faith

P: Dear brother and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from the Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: Today you are asked the same questions that were asked of your parents and sponsors on the day of your baptism. As you now answer for yourself and affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
R: I renounce them.
P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
R: I renounce them.
P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
R: I renounce them.

P: Each Sunday when you gather with this faith community you profess the faith in which you were baptized. Together with all those gathered here today, I ask you:
Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

P: Let us pray for Ellison, Kayla, Andilyn, Emerlyn & Jalen, who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:
That they may be sustained in their faith journey and protected with your mighty power so that they may not be overwhelmed by difficulty: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray that the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth and that they may be kept in the faith and fellowship of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray that they may be sent into the world to be a witness to your love and that they may be filled with your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for all the baptized, for this congregation and our witness in this community. May we be sustained in our weariness, strengthened in our mission, and joyful in our service: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Other prayer petitions are offered.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Commitment

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:
+to live among God's faithful people,
+to hear God's Word and share in the Lord's supper,
+to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
+to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
+and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

P: People of God, do you promise to continue to support these Christian brothers and pray for them in their renewed life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help us.

Blessing

P: Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you made Ellison, Kayla, Andilyn, Emerlyn & Jalen, your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; *(Isaiah 11:2)* through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

Each confirmand kneels. A verse of scripture selected by each confirmand is read and the following prayer is offered. Mentors, parents and others join laying their hands on the confirmands.

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Ellison, Kayla, Andilyn, Emerlyn & Jalen the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

R: Amen

After the prayers have been offered, the confirmands stand and face the congregation

P: Let us rejoice with Ellison, Kayla, Andilyn, Emerlyn & Jalen, affirming their baptisms, as we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world.

C: As your brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism. Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

P: Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you.

(Please greet one another with the words "Peace be with you.")

Offering of Gifts

Men's Quartet

"Speak, O Lord"

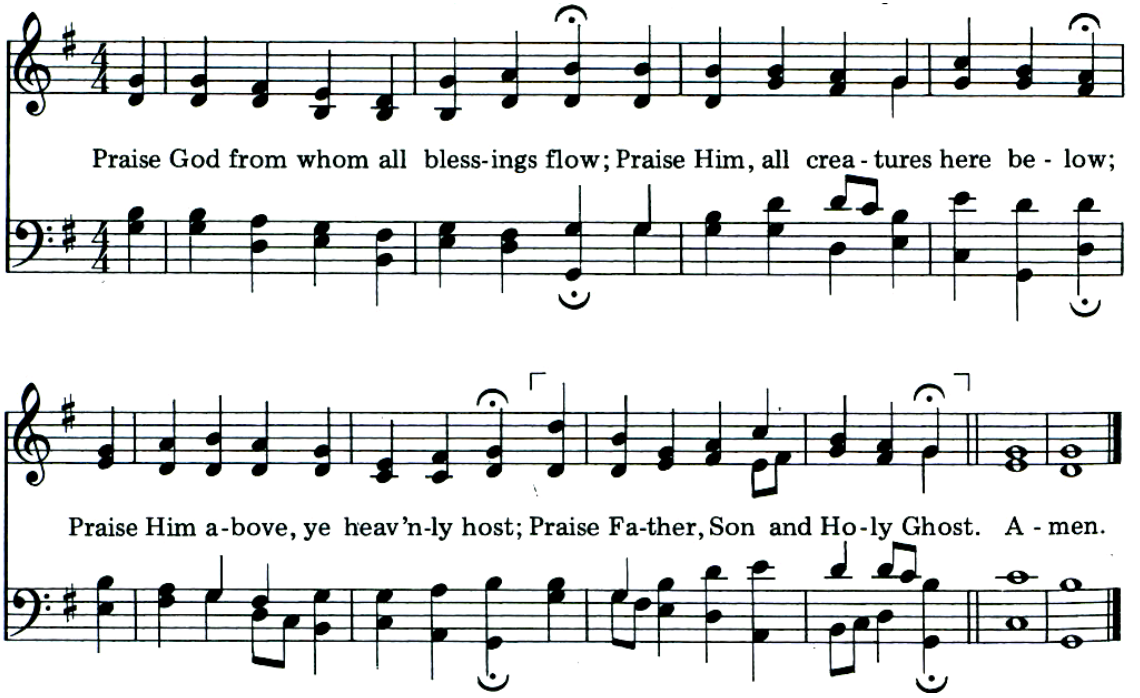
by Keith Getty, arr. M. McDonald

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

*Offertory



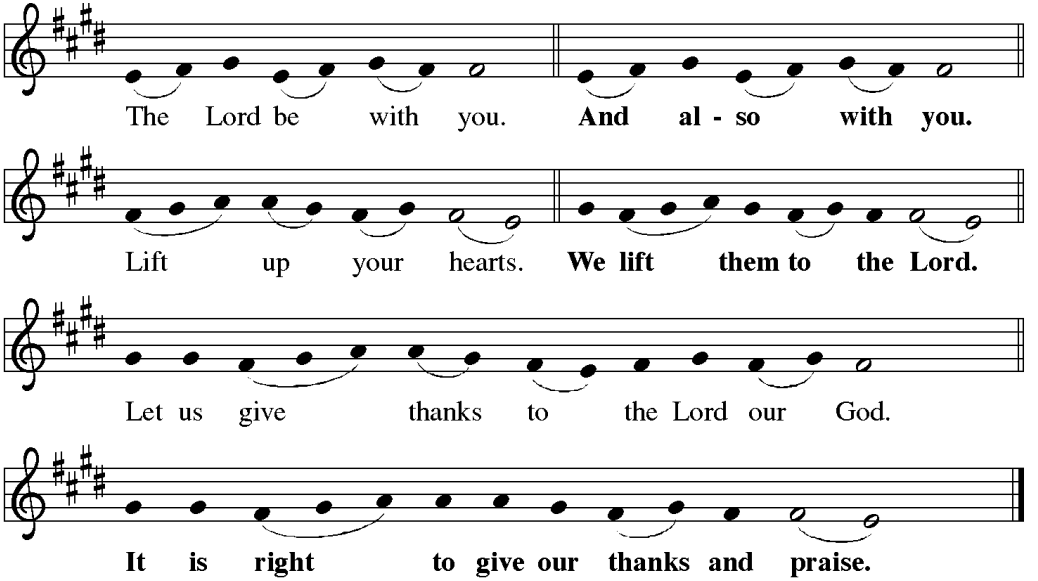
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,

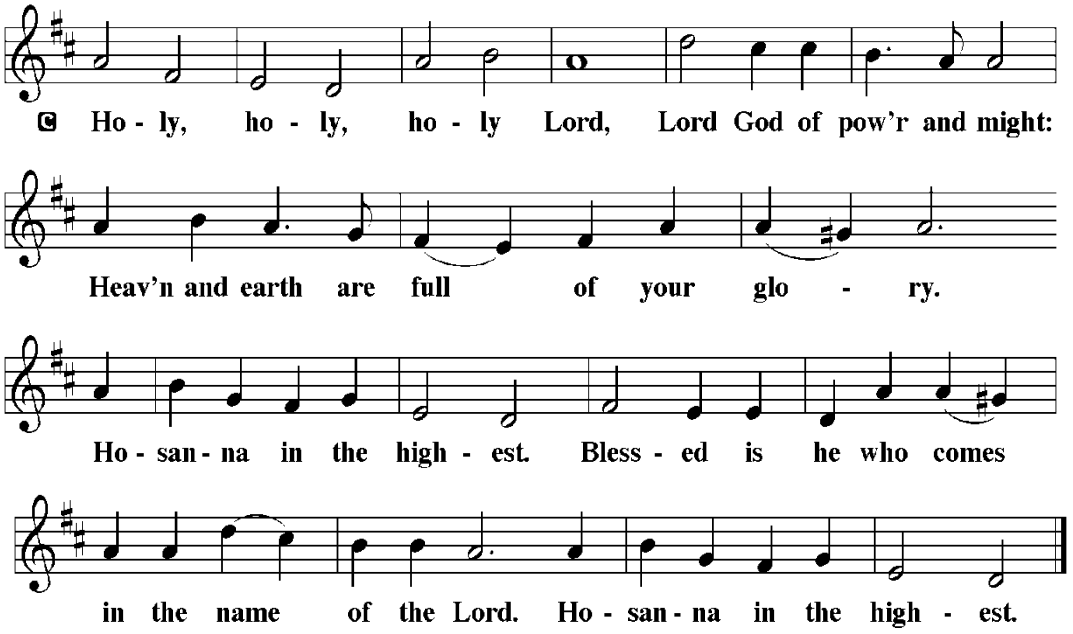
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

*THE THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

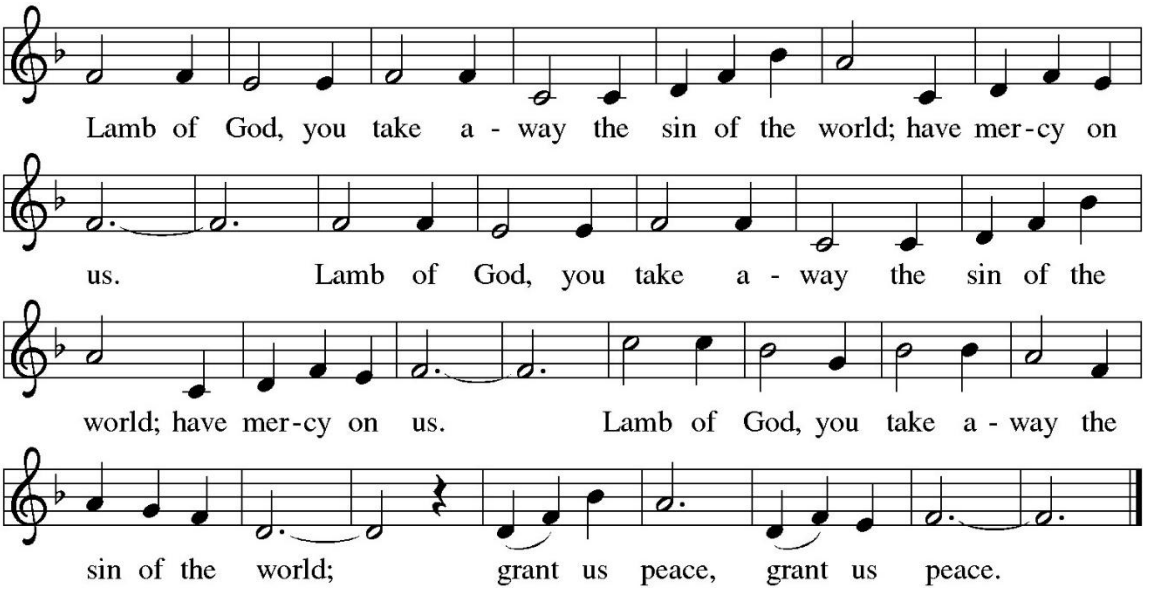
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

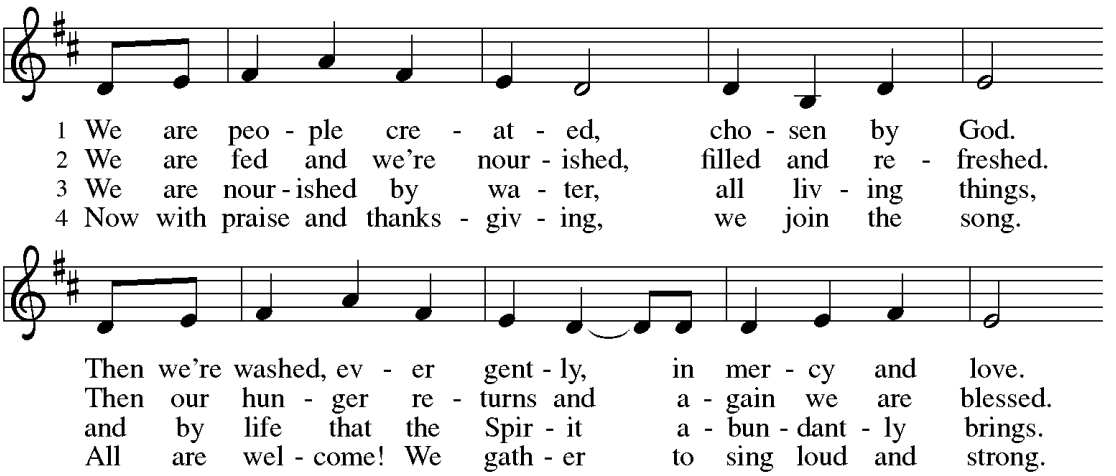
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is distributed in a continuous fashion. Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and move to the side to receive the wine by individual glass. The center ring in each tray is grape juice. Please return to your seat by the side aisle and place the empty individual glasses in the basket.

"Lamb of God"



"Baptized and Set Free"



WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

***PRAYER**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

*** BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine brightly upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"*

5 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!
Thanks be to God!

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Acolyte	-Alexa Schneider
Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Pianist	-Rick Breier
Vocalists	-Mark Erbskorn, Adam Grisier, Matthew Wachtman, Pastor Steve Basselman
Lectors	-Emi Pinter, Elli Benecke
Usher Team Leader	-Jim & Janet Wyse
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Michelle Collins & Jessica Short
Offering Counters	-Jay Schnitkey & Jo Ann Liechty

The St. Martin's Webstore is open! If you would like to order some apparel you can go to https://stmartinsarchbold.itemorder.com, click the link in your Friday email, or scan the QR code provided.

We are looking for people who would like to **provide the Wednesday Night meals**. Erinn Thompson is organizing this, so you can contact her if you would like to help. You can also scan the QR code provided or click the link in your Friday email to sign up!

Spring Cleaning? Puzzles, fidgets, simple games? If those items happen to be in that cleaning out process, please consider donating them to the new ***After School Tutoring (AST)*** ministry here at St. Martin's. Our next session is March 18th. Simply put those items on a table in the Fellowship Hall and label them ***AST*** and we'll make good use of them. *You are appreciated!*

Senior Citizen Luncheon: Archbold High School is hosting the 14th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on Friday, April 24th at 11am in the High School Gymnasium. Please pass on to any senior citizens in your life who live in the Archbold School District. Lunch is free with a State of School Address, along with Band and Choir performances. To make reservations, please call 419-445-5579 or email aoyer@archboldschools.org. Reservations begin Monday, March 30 and need to be received by Monday, April 20.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES will be held at the end of April leading up to a First Communion on May 3. If you have a young person interested in First Communion, please contact Pastor Steve soon.

Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly is Saturday, May 30 at St. Mark's, Bowling Green. St. Martin's is allowed at least 2 voting members. A third voting member is allowed as a youth or young adult member. Please see Pastor Steve if you'd be willing to consider serving.

It's time for the annual community-wide Burger Bash, set for Sunday, May 3rd in the Ruihley Park Pavilion from 11am to 1pm. A free-will donation covers a picnic-type lunch to share beside your neighbors and friends. With those Burger Bash donations over the last two decades, our community has been able to send almost $785,000 to our mentors and teachers in Third World countries who stand ready to help the agricultural communities there.

April Concert Series- Harpsichord Hors d'oeuvres – April 26, 3pm

Most of us have probably never heard a harpsichord live—and it's a completely different experience than you might expect. On our St. Martin's Concert Series, Dylan Sanzenbacher invites you into the sound world of the 16th–18th centuries, where composers wrote music full of humor, dance, and surprising drama. Instead of long, heavy pieces, this program is made up of short, engaging works—variations on popular tunes, elegant court dances, and showy toccatas that would have impressed listeners just as much then as they do now. Dylan, a peer of Matthew's at Baldwin Wallace, and specialist in early keyboard music, has a gift for making this repertoire approachable and alive. If you've ever been curious about early music—or just want to hear something genuinely different—this is an easy and enjoyable place to start.

The Altar flowers are presented in honor of Rich and Joyce (Liechty) Winzeler as they celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. Rich and Joyce were united in marriage on April 17, 1971, by Pastor Duane Shaffer at St Martins. Their family has grown to include two daughters, Tammy (Cory) and Teri (Eric) along with four grandchildren—Isaac (Lydia), Ally (Shawn), Will and Kendall.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY-Sunday April 19-Confirmation Sunday
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am
Adult Sunday School, 10:30am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Middle School Youth, 6:30pm

Monday- April 20
Pat Basselman Visitation, 2pm-7pm

Tuesday – April 21
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Newsletter Deadline, 8am
Pat Bassleman Celebration of Life, 11am
Community Meal, 5pm @ St. John's Christian

Wednesday- April 22
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm
Kids Club, 6pm
Adult Circle, 6:30pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday- April 23
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – April 26-4th Sunday in Easter
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am
Adult Sunday School, 10:30am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Concert Series, 3:30pm
Middle School Youth, 6:30pm

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook
6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. – Romans 15:7

Online Giving - Mobile Access

Mobile users can now access the giving page to set up recurring donations or make one-time donations directly from phones using this QR code.
To change or delete recurring donations you will still need to go to: **https://givingtools.com** and sign in to your account.

Last Week at St. Martin's. . .
Week of 4/12/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$7,745.26	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,381.00
Other Designated Income	$365.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	$760.00
Total Income	$8,110.26	**AS OF 3/31/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$88,276.89
		YTD Operating Expenses	($105,944.69)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	92/20/112	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(17,667.80)

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:

- The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, Tanzania, and Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer, Toledo, may they continue to carry out God's ministry in their areas of mission.
- Those caught in the fighting between Israel and Palestine, the Ukraine, Iran; those recovering from natural disasters and the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief and other relief agencies.
- The family of Pat Basselman who passed away April 10th. And the family off Dick Nagel whose funeral was yesterday.

For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God:

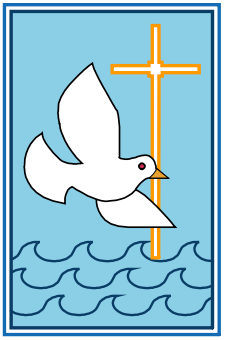
Bob Alley, Louise Beldon's brother-in-law, health concerns
Tim Anderson, Bjorlin cousin, cancer
Bonnie Badenhop, pancreatic cancer
Beverly Bettison, friend of Angie Avers, health concerns
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Jan Delaney, surgery
Jim Hayes, brother of June Hayes, health concerns
Jeanise Hoeffel, Jane Sonnenberg's sister
Jayne Jewell, Diana Ziegler's cousin
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon Blair, Leukemia
Colleen Kelly
Sue Keil, Jake's mom
Bonnie R. Lauber
Ann Ott
Dorothy Gifford, Diane Parsons' sister, cancer
Conrad and Karen Perry, Andi Erbskorn's brother and sister-in-law
Bruce Pearson, Trudel family friend, cancer
Bill Phelps
Peg Roth
Eric and Susan Rupp, Greg Rupp's brother and sister-in-law, health concerns
Deb Schnitkey, friend of Deb & Stan Schmidt
Mary Schwartz, Dianne Parsons' sister
Al & Lois Siewert
Joan Smith
Brad Welsh, brother-in-law of John & Chris Shafer, cancer
Joyce Winzeler
Paul Wyse, health concerns
Joe Wyse
Homebound – Milla Kohv, Jerry & Alice Geiger

For those who need God's protection and the assurance of God's presence:

All members, family & friends who serve in our military: Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Brendon Johns

Any prayer requests to add or remove can be sent to the Church Office by Thursday of each week: stmartin@the-welcome-place.org **We include a person's name and details <u>only</u> with their permission.**

Affirmation of Baptism



Ellison Marie Benecke
Born: June 2, 2011
Baptized: July 17, 2011 at St. Martin's
Parents: Dan & Gina Benecke
Baptismal Sponsors: Bob Dominique, Shelley Detwiler
Congregational Mentor: Jeff Benecke
Confirmation Verse: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. Who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Kayla Joan Benecke
Born: June 2, 2011
Baptized: July 17, 2011 at St. Martin's
Parents: Dan & Gina Benecke
Baptismal Sponsors: Maureen Bernath, Jeff Benecke
Congregational Mentor: Bridget Lovejoy
Confirmation Verse: Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of it's own. Matthew 6:34 (NIV)

Andilyn Marie Pinter
Born: May 19, 2011
Baptized: July 10, 2011 at St. Martin's
Parents: Michael & Tess Pinter
Baptismal Sponsors: Jessica Gericke, Kristin Pinter
Congregational Mentor: Sharon Ziegler
Confirmation Verse: Fight your battles through prayer, and win your battles through faith. Prayer is the key to heaven, and faith unlocks the door. Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)

Emerlyn Alyse Pinter
Born: May 19, 2011
Baptized: July 10, 2011 at St. Martin's
Parents: Michael & Tess Pinter
Baptismal Sponsors: Jessica Gericke, Kristin Pinter
Congregational Mentor: Jen Basselman
Confirmation Verse: When I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness the Lord will be a light to me. Micah 7:8 (NRSV)

Jalen Lee Thompson

Born: June 20, 2011
Baptized: August 28, 2011 at St. Martin's
Parents: Cameron & Erinn Thompson
Baptismal Sponsors: Butch Blankenship, Amy Blankenship
Congregational Mentor: John Poulson
Confirmation Verse: Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:10 (NRSV)

Worship Matters

What does it mean to be confirmed? Although a person is baptized once in a lifetime, the gifts of baptism are continually renewed in the lives of God's people. We are to remember our baptism daily, but additionally the church takes moments like today to mark a significant milestone in the faith journey of individuals. Having been nurtured in the faith through this faith community, these young people affirm today the promises made by their parents and sponsors at their baptisms as a sign of their renewed participation in the life of the church. They are confirming their faith. Having completed the congregation's program of catechism ministry, we also rejoice in the work they have done.

Why the white robes? White robes (or albs) are worn by the confirmands today to emphasize the connection with baptism. Alb is the Latin word for "white." As a symbol of baptism, the alb also acknowledges that we are all the same before the Lord.

The large white *Paschal Candle* is placed on a stand near the baptismal font as a visual reminder that in our baptism, we are crucified and resurrected with Christ. The candle is lighted at each celebration of Baptism, at which time small baptismal candles are lighted from it for presentation to the baptized or sponsor. This act is a reminder of the integral connection between Baptism and Easter. The paschal candle is also lighted on the Sundays of Easter and for funerals. The paschal candle visually proclaims the message of Romans 6:3-5 (used at the beginning of the funeral liturgy): "In our Baptism we have already died and been raised with Christ."

An *adult mentor* is chosen by each confirmand as they begin their two-year Catechism instruction. This mentor is an active member of the church and provides guidance through this particular part of their faith journey.